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The Honorable John P. Sarbanes
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515-2003

Dear Representative Sarbanes:

Thank you for your August 19, 2011 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of your constituent, Mr. (b) (6), a student at Winston Churchill High School, regarding the Kane & Lombard Superfund site (Site) in Baltimore, Maryland.

At the time Mr. (b) (6) submitted his request to EPA for information regarding the Site, the EPA regional office had received 60 similar requests from students attempting to complete school projects. In an effort to be responsive to all the students' needs within a tight timeframe, we centralized the students' requests. I regret if Mr. (b) (6)'s concerns were not fully addressed.

Mr. (b) (6) inquired about community involvement activities associated with the Site. It is EPA's intent to encourage early and meaningful community participation during the cleanup of all Superfund sites. The foundation of Superfund's community involvement program is the belief that members of the public affected by a Superfund site have a right to know what EPA is doing in their community and be given the opportunity to provide input into the decision-making process.

There is a long history of community involvement associated with this Site. Throughout the years, EPA has issued cleanup progress and health fact sheets; distributed weekly update reports; developed periodic pollution reports; issued press releases and published public notices; conducted public meetings; developed community relations plans; responded routinely to citizen requests; and accepted formal comments from the public at key stages in the cleanup process. If your constituent is interested in viewing any of these community involvement products, reports, and summaries, they are available online at the following address:
http://loggerhead.epa.gov/arweb/public/search_results.jsp?siteid=MDD980923783

In response to Mr. (b) (6)'s questions regarding the list of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs), there are several associated with this Site, including: Browns Ferris Inc.; Constellation Power Source Generation; and Lucent Technologies. EPA, the State of Maryland, and a group of PRPs signed a Consent Decree in November of 1995, which required the PRPs to reimburse EPA and the State a total of \$6 million in past response costs at the Site. Under the Consent Decree, the PRPs are also operating and maintaining the barrier wall and the cap.

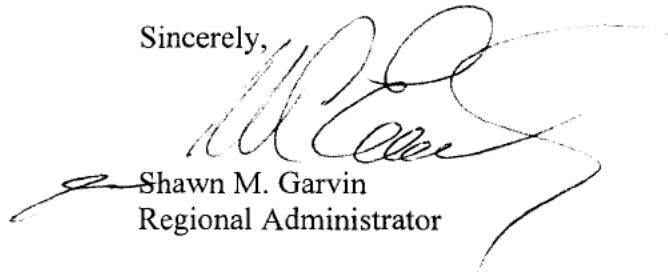


Since that time, under several Administrative Orders on Consent, the PRPs have completed various aspects of the investigation and cleanup of the Site; in particular, determining the nature and extent of groundwater contamination caused by releases from the Site. They are being responsive to all aspects involved in the cleanup of the Site.

I encourage Mr. (b) (6) to continue his studies about the environment and EPA's important mission of protecting human health and the environment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mrs. Linda Miller, EPA's Maryland Liaison, at 215-814-2068.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn M. Garvin", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator